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Interview Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
	09/817,926	ISHIMURA ET AL.	
	Examiner	Art Unit	
	LUONG T. NGUYEN	2622	

All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

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Date of Interview: 09 January 2008.

Type: a) ☒ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference
c) ☐ Personal [copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☐ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No.

If Yes, brief description: _____.

Claim(s) discussed: Independence claim 1.

Identification of prior art discussed: Nishimura, Kobayashi and Kaku references.

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☒ was not reached. h) ☐ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Mr. Vódogia explained the operation of the endoscope in Nishimura and stated that it would not be obvious to combine Nishimura reference with Kobayashi and Kaku references. The Examiner disagrees, however, the Examiner will considers arguments when receive formal amendment.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

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PATENT EXAMINER**

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